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QUIN AND TALLEY WILL SPEAK HERE

Two Candidates For Governor to Be In Columbus the Coming Week.

TO TALK AT COURT HOUSE

Large Crowd Is Expected to Hear Addresses Wednesday Morning at 10 o'clock.

Hon. Hillrie M. Quin and Hon. John R. Talley, two candidates for governor, will address the citizens of Columbus and Lowndes county at the court house in this city next Wednesday morning beginning at 10 o'clock, and will no doubt be heard by hundreds of voters of this section.

Both Mr. Quin and Mr. Talley are well known here and their many friends expect to give them a warm welcome upon their arrival in the city.

These two candidates will speak in West Point Tuesday night and will arrive in Columbus at an early hour Wednesday morning.

Big All Star Program at Princess Monday.

The program at the Princess for Monday, 22nd, consists of 5 reels selected from the foremost producers of the world.

Vitagraph presents James Morrison, Dorothy Kelly, George Cooper, Mary Anderson, Mother Maurice and others in an appealing human interest story, "Twice Rescued," 2 reels.

Essanay presents, Ruth Stonehouse, Byron Totten, Lester Cuneo, Helen Dunbar and others in "An Amateur Prodigal," a dramatic production in 2 reels, adapted from Short Stories Magazine.

Vitagraph offers "A Madcap Adventure," a comedy with an all star cast.

Making a program that cannot be excelled as it is enacted by recognized stars of the photoplay, whom we all know.

Excellent musical program by Princess orchestra. They will gladly play request numbers. Admission 5 and 10c all week.

"The Value of the Soul."

In the series of sermons that Dr. R. B. Eggleston of the Presbyterian church, is preaching to the young people, by special request he will take as his subject this evening, "The Value of the Soul."

Large congregations are hearing Mr. Eggleston on this subject, and cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

SPRING OPENINGS WILL OCCUR THE COMING WEEK

Local Merchants Extend Invitations to Public in This Issue of Commercial.

Spring openings and fashion shows will be held by a number of the leading merchants of Columbus during the coming week as will be seen in this issue.

On Tuesday evening, from 8 to 10, the Women's store and Simon Loeb and Brothers will open their doors to the public with formal opening and exhibitions of spring styles, and will start big sales on the following day.

An invitation is extended by W. C. Beard, Inc., to everyone to be present at their opening Thursday evening, from 8 to 10, and on the following day.

SOLICITORS MUST PAY THE WAR TAX

Chamber of Commerce Making Effort to See Law Enforced.

WANT CITIZENS' SUPPORT

Columbus People are Asked to Report Agents Without License.

Columbus people have been asked by the Chamber of Commerce to assist in enforcing the law concerning solicitors doing business without the proper license.

The following card to the public has been issued:

There is quite a number of people going from house to house in this city offering some kind of merchandise for sale, or taking orders. The laws of our state divide such people into three classes; agents, solicitors and peddlers.

1. Agents are those who take orders only, having nothing to do with the delivery of the goods or collecting the money. They are not required to pay tax, but they are required to pay \$20 war tax.

2. Solicitors are those who take orders and then afterwards deliver the goods, or have some one deliver for them and collect the money. The law requires solicitors to take out both county and city license and pay the war tax.

3. Peddlers are those who have the goods with them, sell, deliver and collect all at the same time. They too must take out both county and city license.

A number of these people come into our city, operate for days without complying with the law and get out without being found out. Our officers are diligently on the watch out for them, but it is impossible to locate all of them. These people, whether outsiders or citizens should not be allowed to violate the law and get away with it. Their license fees constitute part of the support fund of county and city and when these fees are not paid, it only makes all our taxes higher. Some of them act honestly and take out the required license. It is, therefore, manifestly unfair to permit the others to ply their trade without license.

So we earnestly urge you when one of these people call on you to ask to see their license if they do not show them but say they are not required to have license, kindly phone the Chamber of Commerce, phone 816, and we will do the rest. Report every case without fail and ask all your neighbors to do so. Help us to see that the law is obeyed. The Chamber of Commerce.

Good Show Wednesday Night

The story of "A Pair of Sixes," which will be seen at the Columbus Theatre next Wednesday night, tells the trials and tribulations of two pill makers who cannot agree as to how their business shall be run. They quarrel so often that they finally summon their attorney and tell him to find some way out of their unpleasant partnership. The lawyer finally agrees that two men shall play a game of poker and abide by the results; the winner to conduct the business for a year, the loser to act as the other's butler. They agree and a pair of sixes decides the result. The love interest is supplied by the fiancée of the losing partner who, after a great deal of trouble, shows the astute lawyer that sometimes a lone queen of hearts is better than a pair of sixes. Seats on sale at Weaver & Harrington's Tuesday.

POOLE IS CAUGHT EAST OF COLUMBUS

Negro Wanted in West Point Arrested Friday By J. G. Wood.

IS TAKEN TO ABERDEEN

Posse Here From West Point When Negro Reached City—Lynching Prevented.

Will Poole, the negro who last Tuesday shot and seriously wounded constable J. J. Hodges at West Point, was captured eight miles east of Columbus Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock by J. G. Wood, deputy sheriff of District 3. He was brought here and placed in the Lowndes county jail and was later taken to Aberdeen for safe keeping.

Quite a number of West Point men who had been hunting Poole were in Columbus when the negro reached the city and for a time serious consequences threatened.

Funk Now Fire Chief.

Mr. J. L. Beaty, who for a number of years has been chief of the local fire department, resigned yesterday afternoon and Mr. R. E. Funk, a well known fireman was named as successor. Mr. Funk's former place will be filled by Mr. R. C. Noble.

CLUB WOMEN WILL HOLD MEETING HERE THURSDAY

Fourth District of Mississippi Federation to gather at I. I. and C.

The members of Fourth District of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in this city next Thursday with the Columbus Branch of the Southern Association of College women as hosts.

Mrs. J. H. Price, of Magnolia, the state president, will be the guest of honor. Mrs. Sarah Sheffield, the district president, will preside at the meeting. The business session will be held at 2:30 p. m. in the Industrial Hall.

Mrs. B. M. Howarth, president of the New Century Club of West Point, will speak at 8:30 p. m. in the Music hall on "The Development of Women through Federation Work." Mrs. Aitchison A. Bowman, of Versailles, Ky., will bring greetings from the Kentucky Federation.

The musical compositions submitted in the state contest will be given at this time.

Snow fell heavily here Friday for several hours, but melted upon hitting the ground. It is reported that three inches of snow fell in Tuscaloosa the same night.

Dr. Ranyon, resident physician of the I. I. and C., has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Beaumont, of Virginia.

Little Miss Anna Baird, who has been visiting her grandparents in West Point for a fortnight, has returned home.

Sunday evening dinner, New Bell Cafe from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, 40c. Princess orchestra.

Music Lovers.

Come to Graham's Music Store and get your music as we must close out our 2 minute Edison records, and are selling them at 15 cents each or 8 for \$1.00. Come and get the pick.

Graham's Music Store, 126 N. 5th St. 2-28-1m.



HON. HILLRIE M. QUIN
Candidate for Governor, who Speaks in Columbus Wednesday, March 24.

FERNBANK CAMP FIRE GIRLS VISIT COLUMBUS

Twelve Young Ladies From Neighboring Town Spend Two Days Here.

The Fernbank Camp Fire Girls spent Friday and Saturday in Columbus and were shown a regal time, having been highly entertained at the Hotel Gilmer as guests of Mr. Sam B. Johnston.

eleven young ladies and one chaperone, Miss Mamie Richards.

Upon arrival in the city the visitors were met at the Southern depot by four Boy Scouts, Messrs. Don Johnston, Wiley Johnston, Hammond Jones and William Hamilton, and were escorted to the Gilmer where they enjoyed dinner.

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the young ladies were taken over the city in automobiles as guests of Mrs. C. H. Ayres and Mrs. John T. Sanford.

The Camp Fire Girls enjoyed the pictures at the Princess Theatre Friday evening as guests of Mr. S. B. Johnston.

Among other places visited during their stay here was the Industrial Institute and College.

The Mabel Ward Practice Home girls and the Home Science teachers will be at home to their friends every Thursday afternoon, except holidays, from four to six.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT-PLAY TO BE BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR

Nearly Eight Hundred Students Will Take Part in "History of Columbus."

Great preparations are now being made on the historical pageant play which the Senior class of the Industrial Institute and College will present during commencement.

This production was written by a former graduate of the college, Mrs. Frances Jones Gaither, now of Mobile. The basis of the pageant is the history of Columbus, as typical of the development of Mississippi with a prelude and postlude of the present time. Although the leading parts are taken by the members of the Senior class, the entire student body of seven hundred and fifty girls will participate.

THREE OF ALLIES BIG SHIPS SUNK IN DARDANELLES

ACCIDENT CAUSES BOY TO LOSE ARM

Cecil Bennett Was Shot While Out Hunting Yesterday Afternoon.

Cecil Bennett, the fifteen year old son of Mr. R. E. Bennett, was seriously wounded yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock while out hunting with a phalarope, Leroy Wood, and as a result of the accident the young man's right arm had to be amputated.

The two boys were about a mile south of the city when the accident occurred. Young Bennett after going through a barbed wire fence was in the act of taking a double barrel shot gun from the Wood boy, in order that the latter might also pass the fence, when the weapon discharged.

The load from the gun went into Bennett's right arm.

The young man was hurriedly brought to the city and taken to the McKinley Sanitarium, and it was found necessary for the physicians to amputate his right arm.

He was resting easily at a late hour last night.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Former President Taft, speaking in Chapel Hill, N. C., the past week, urged upon the country united support for President Wilson in a critical period of the nation's history.

At the big auction of high bred cattle held in Jackson the past week, forty-five Herefords brought \$17,930. The sale of a bull calf only four months old amounted to \$1,325 and was a feature of the auction.

Secretary of State Bryan was 55 years old Friday. He and Mrs. Bryan held an informal reception in honor of the day to officials and employees of the state department, in Washington.

Fire, originating in the sewing and weaving room of Curry hall at the state blind institute in Jackson Friday, did about \$50 worth of damage, and for a while threatened to prove very serious. However, the quick response of the fire department to the alarm turned in by Dr. R. S. Curry, president of the institution, when he was informed by an employee on the premises that the building was on fire, prevented serious consequences.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Maxwell regret to learn of the illness of their sweet little daughter, Lucy, at their home on South Seventh street.

Mr. J. R. Maxwell has returned from a short visit to Biloxi.

Ladies' Suits and Dresses—A New Shipment.

The Woman's Store received yesterday another shipment of new spring suits, dresses and skirts. These are some very late styles just out and different from those shown earlier in the spring. There are just 35 garments in the shipment, in blues, green, putty, sand and black. Be on hand early and get first pick. Prices very reasonable.

The Woman's Store.

One French and Two British Battleships Sent To The Bottom.

OTHER VESSELS ARE BADLY DAMAGED

Practically Entire Crew Of Battleship Bouvet Is Lost.

BLOWN UP BY FLOATING TURKISH MINES

Casualties on British Vessels are Not Believed to be Heavy.

London, March 19.—The British admiralty announced tonight that the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean had been sunk, and that the French battleship Bouvet had been blown up by a mine and sunk in the Dardanelles and virtually her entire crew lost. It is stated that the Ocean struck a drifting mine. The admiralty says it believes the Irresistible probably met with a similar disaster.

It is announced that operations against the Dardanelles are continuing and the battleships Queen and Implacable have been dispatched from England to take the place of those lost.

The admiralty's said the British losses were not heavy considering the scale of operations.

The British cruiser Inflexible's forward control was hit by a heavy shell and will need repairs. The Irresistible left the battle line listing heavily, according to report.

The waters in which the ships sank had been swept of mines but the British admiralty asserts that the Turks and Germans set floating containers of explosives adrift and that the current carried these into the allied ships gathered inside the entrance to the straits. All the ships sunk were old.

The damage to the Turkish forts was not ascertained. The Kephez forts replied when the battleships advanced up the Dardanelles. It is asserted that the forts were silenced.

The destruction of the ships did not cause any cessation of the fighting, which continued until dark.

Master Miles Yerby is visiting in Macon, the guest of Master James Horton, Jr.

After April the first, Mrs. Gid D. Harris will be found at W. C. Board, incorporated, where she will be pleased to meet her friends and customers. 4t.

GRAND COMMANDER BENOIST WILL VISIT CITY TUESDAY

Warm Welcome Will Be Given Prominent Knight Templar From Natchez.

Hon. Louis Benoist, grand commander of Mississippi Knights Templar of Natchez, will officially visit DeMolay Commandery No. 8 of this city next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The local Knights are preparing a splendid reception for him at the Masonic Temple. All the membership of the local commandery will be present in uniform and the evening will be spent socially ending up with a banquet. It promises to be one of the most notable meetings in Masonic circles to be held this year. All visiting Sir Knights will receive a courteous welcome.